

The new Fast Track Childcare Scholarship application process shortens your wait to three (3) business days to get help with childcare expenses and 60 days of child care assistance while your Child Care Scholarship application is processed, if you are eligible!

If eligible, Scholarships are available for:

- a child who is younger than 13, or
- an individual 13-19 years old who has a qualifying disability.

To be eligible for the CCS Program, you must be:

- A Maryland resident who is working/employed, in an approved training program or attending school. For families where both parents live within the same household, both parents must meet all eligibility requirements.
- A recipient of Temporary Cash Assistance (TCA) or Supplemental Security Income (SSI) or within [CCS income guidelines](#) (see below).
- Willing to have your child immunized to [Maryland state standards](#) or provide documentation supporting Exemption from Immunization.
- Willing to provide proof that each child needing childcare is a citizen of the United States or a qualified alien. (Provide a Birth Certificate for each child or documentation that certifies the child's status.) NOTE: Parents **ARE NOT** required to be citizens of the United States.
- Willing to provide proof of identity for all members within the household composition. (Proof of identity for the parent can be any form of a government issued document. The birth certificate or immigration status documentation can serve as proof of identity for each child in the household composition.)
- Willing to provide a Photo I.D. (Only required of the head of households.)

How to Apply

To apply for a Childcare Scholarship, you must submit an application through the Childcare Scholarship Family Portal as described below.

Step 1: Go to the Childcare Scholarship Family Portal and create an account. Click on “Register for a New Account” and enter your information. (If you need help with the registration process, view the [Learn How to Register \(link is external\)](#) instructions.)

Step 2: Fill out and complete the short, fast-track online Scholarship application and submit your two (2) documents:

1. Proof of employment or enrollment in training/school
2. Proof of residency (i.e. utility bill, lease, etc.)
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Step 3: Your fast-track application will be processed within three (3) business days by CCS Central 2.

Step 4: If you are eligible, a temporary, 60-day Scholarship will be issued to assist with the cost of childcare while we process your full application. We will ask for additional information and documentation to see if you are eligible for a 52-week Scholarship. If you provide the additional information and documentation within 15 days of submitting your fast-track application, we will let you know if you are eligible for a 52-week Scholarship before your temporary Scholarship expires.

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